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Gen. Miles is announced as a candidate for the presidential nomination without being fussy as to which party nominates him. But he is Miles and Miles away from it.

Germany may rest assured in advance that the United States will royally welcome Prince Henry and take the best possible care of him. The two countries will be closer together after the visit.

An Idaho senator insists that gold in paying quantities has been discovered in Thunder Mountain, several hundred miles distant from Boise City. When his friends question the senator now about the quickest way to make a fortune, he advises them to go to Thunder.

"First reports" are about as reliable in Mexico as elsewhere. When "the earth trembled" down that way the other day first reports said 500 lives lost; second reports said 300; third reports cut it down to "probably 20," and it took just one day to get out the three reports.

New Hampshire authorities are enforcing the liquor law just now with a fervor that startles the "old timers" and is quite satisfactory to those citizens who believe that law is originally enacted for use and not to remain idle on the statute book. Just how much real "sulfering" will result from this "drought" is an open question.

An order has been placed by Sir Thomas Lipton for the building of Shamrock III, as challenger for the America's cup. Sir Thomas has the elements of the true sportsman—his courage is good, and he bears up finely under defeat. We are almost willing he should carry off the cup next time. At least we shall be glad to have him try.

The Wyoming legislature appears to be reasonably satisfied with its experiment in woman suffrage as a developer of "better candidates, purer political methods, wiser legislation, increased civic intelligence and more useful womanhood," and has adopted a resolution recommending the enfranchisement of women in every other state and territory.

The Empress Dowager of China has issued an edict expressing her gratitude for the kind friendship of the United States during her recent complications with the powers. Whether that gratitude is deep enough to prevent the Empress from aiding and abetting another insurrection against Americans and other "foreign devils," is a conundrum that only time can solve.

St. Albans is alleged to be considering once more the matter of a new hotel. If there is any one thing that St. Albans can do with credit and presumable profit to herself, it is to dispose of that Welden House burnt district by erecting thereon a modern hotel, which, it is easy to guess from the railroad city's natural location, could be kept well filled with guests.

Vermont is honored in the appointment of Capt. Clark of the Oregon to represent the United States navy at the coronation of King Edward—for the gallant captain belongs to Vermont. He will most ably meet the demands of the occasion, and our British cousins can put him down as a type of American sailor and fighter that cannot be excelled. The President wants congress to make Capt. Clark a rear admiral. He deserves it for his services during the war with Spain.

"Asbestos" is the talk of the day in the vicinity of Eden and Lowell, and great things are expected of the newly opened mines there. The New England Asbestos Mining Company have several crushers and other machinery in operation, employing at present between forty and fifty men. They have gone into the side of the mountain some ninety feet, and are taking out rock that yields from twenty to forty per cent of the fuzzy, fuzzy stuff which is so comparatively rare and which has played, and will play to even greater extent, an important part in the business economy of the world. A mile or two beyond the New England Company's deposits are those of the Tucker Company, who are making preparations to operate on a consid-

erable scale. The first-named company have already invested about one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars in their plant—a fact which is evidence of some faith in the richness of asbestos deposits in that region. With the opening of the summer season the new mines will doubtless be visited by many interested people, and all will hope to see the plucky miners attain profitable results.

"That's a pretty house, for this backwoods place." So said one who looked from the car window, as the train waited, at an attractive residence built by an enterprising manufacturer in an "up north" village. And why not have beauty, and comfort, and convenience, even in a "backwoods place?" These things are within reach—and within the reach, too, of some rural localities who do not now have them because of lack of private ambition and public spirit. Put these two desirable characteristics together, and something generally happens to make so-called "backwoods places" attractive to everybody.

A letter written by the late Gen. Lawton, who died while at the head of his troops in the Philippines, contains some very plain talk about the aid which the insurgents were then receiving from this side of the water. In response to caution as to exposing himself under fire, he said: "If I am shot by a Filipino bullet it might as well come from one of my own men! These are strong words, and yet I say them because I know from observation, confirmed by stories of captured Filipino prisoners, that the continuance of fighting is chiefly due to reports sent out from America and circulated among these ignorant natives by leaders who know better." It is not difficult to believe that this sort of encouragement is being given even now.

Now that Cuba has gained her independence and is a real republic with a president duly elected, she wants a chance to build up her industries. Independence will be of no use to her unless she has an opportunity to grow industrially, and she is now after that opportunity by the grace and favor of the United States. A special committee representing the Cuban government will ask our congress for such a concession in the matter of duty as will allow Cuba to put her sugar on the United States market with some show for revenue from it. In a recent number of the Outlook General Leonard Wood, whose position as military governor in Cuba for two years or more, enables him to speak with authority as to the industrial needs of that island, makes a candid and straightforward plea for the granting of the concession asked by the committee. He argues that this can be done without prejudice to our own sugar interests, and that it will be a very important—yes, a decidedly essential—factor in the salvation of Cuba from an industrial point of view. Such being the case, the request of the special committee is entitled to the fullest and fairest possible consideration.

## Central Vermont Neutral.

Will not interfere in the Governorship Contest in Vermont.

The St. Albans Messenger of Jan. 17 had the following editorial and letter from Charles M. Hays, who is practically at the head of the Central Vermont:

The part the railroads of Vermont were likely to play in the canvass for the republican nomination for governor has been a subject of speculation in the popular mind for some time, for the natural reason that both Gen. McCullough and Doctor Webb are prominent in the railroad world.

The policy of the Central Vermont railroad was determined upon some time ago, however, and instructions have for some time been issued to all interested in its management as to their official conduct during the canvass. The Messenger has held until today the text of the following letter, which explains itself:

"Montreal, Que., January 10, 1902  
My Dear Dr. Webb:  
Referring to our conference yesterday on the subject of the next gubernatorial election in Vermont. As I said to you at that time, both candidates happen to be not only personal friends of mine for whom I have a very high regard, but both are directors of the Central Vermont Railroad company. Under the circumstances I think the Central Vermont as a company should give you each an open field and take no part in influencing their officers and employees one way or the other, but require them to give their attention to the duties of their positions in connection with the Central Vermont railroad, allowing them when it comes to the question of voting, to exercise free and uninfluenced, their individual opinions as to who shall have their vote for governor. I have instructed the local management to this effect, and I trust this decision in the matter will prove satisfactory to both yourself and General McCullough, as I feel sure that all either of you want is an even chance.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) CHAS. M. HAYS.

Not Easy to Guess On.  
President Roosevelt is a hard nut for the political bosses to crack. They are unable thus far to construct any theory on which to learn the president's secret.—[Rutland Herald.]

Nothing New Under the Sun.  
Wireless telephony is no new thing. It has been practiced since the time that Adam began to call the cattle home in the Garden of Eden.—[Fair Haven Era.]

The village of Middlebury has a debt of over \$111,000. Probably few towns in Vermont have, in proportion to population and assessed valuation, a heavy debt. Towns where a college is one of the principal industries generally have a burdensome taxation by reason of the extensive exemptions of college property from assessment.—[Rutland News.]

## MEN, WOMEN AND EVENTS.

### The Prophet of Eben Holden's Success.

A death occurred recently in Somerville, one of the suburbs of Boston, which leaves a void in the youthful literature of the country and a vacant chair in a Boston publishing house, which will be hard to fill. Before becoming literary editor of the Lothrop Publishing Company, Elbridge S. Brooks had served other publishers, always with conspicuous success, and he had given to youthful readers those stories based on American history—not only at home, but where it touched foreign lands—the latest of which may be recalled through such titles as "The Story of the Nineteenth Century," "With Lawton and Roberts," "In Defense of the Flag," "Under the Allied Flags," a story of the war in China, and "The Story of Our War with Spain." While in the exercise of his duty at the Lothrops he foresaw the success which has attended "Eben Holden."

### An Aged Poet's Mourning.

A pathetic and touching scene took place the other day at the home of the aged "poet of the Sierras," Joaquin Miller. It was a ceremony for the dead conducted by the grief-stricken father over the body of his daughter, Mrs. Maude McCormick. A little after noon a hearse from the local undertaker's brought the body to the poet's villa, which is called The Heights, where, in the front parlor, surrounded by his grandchild, wife, and a few neighbors, the aged poet read a chapter from the family Bible and spoke a few words on the soul's immortality. After these brief services the body was taken to the rear of the house and placed in the tomb which had been prepared for it.

### Gen. Francis J. Herron.

Gen. Francis J. Herron, who died in New York recently, was a distinguished officer in the Union army during the war, and a few years ago was presented by the war department with a medal of honor for bravery at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7, 1862, where he was wounded and taken prisoner. Gen. Herron was born in Pittsburgh, and was graduated from the Western University of Pennsylvania. When the civil war broke out he was a citizen of Iowa and entered the army as a captain, retiring as a major-general. In 1893 he joined Gen. Grant at Vicksburg, and commanded the left wing of the investing forces until the surrender. Gen. Herron has for many years been in business in New York. At Gen. Herron's funeral was Colonel Emil Blum, a confederate officer, who once surrendered to the general. A friendship formed at that time was continued through life.

### Press Comment.

Law Can't Enforce Itself.  
The prohibitionists are continuing a strenuous campaign through the state, which proves to outsiders that prohibition even in Vermont fails to prohibit. Statements of this kind establish nothing. If a campaign of enforcement proves anything, it proves that prohibition is effective. It is little use to prohibit a wrong by law and then leave the law to enforce itself.—[Bellows Falls Times.]

### A Plea for Consolidation.

It is stated that it will cost the little mountain town of Woodford in Benning county fully \$8,000 to repair the damage done to the highways by recent floods. Of course when the next legislature convenes Woodford will sing its little song of woe and ask the state for an appropriation to reimburse her for the damage and the opportunity should be taken to join together three or four of those thinly populated towns on the back side of Benning county into one municipality big enough and wealthy enough to take care of itself.—[Barre Times.]

### Should be Chopped Off.

Democratic boomers should be chopped off short in their efforts to boom men like Schley and Miles for a presidential candidacy in 1904. Dewey suffered at the hands of this same class of mistaken enthusiasts, and the lesson taught in his case should be heeded by the principals in this latest movement. Regardless of whether Schley has suffered an injustice or Miles has been rebuked with a bitterness beyond his deserts, the movement by their misguided friends is a most foolish one. The presidency of the United States is not a consolation prize.—[Detroit Free Press.]

### Satisfactory Confirmation.

The friends of Col. Z. M. Mansur, and the business public also note with pleasure the senate's confirmation of his appointment by President Roosevelt as collector of the district of Memphremagog. The high standard of efficiency attained by the district under Col. Mansur's administration, made it apparent months ago, that Col. Mansur would be his own successor.—[North Troy Palladium.]

### "Beet Sugar" is Excited.

The "beet sugar" people out west say they are going to fight and will defeat the plan of the Sugar Trust to lower the tariff on Cuban sugar, which the Trust is naturally anxious to accomplish. If they try to beat it they will. The western men in congress are not there for purely clemency motives. They are solid in looking out for their own interests. And our sympathies are with them. Great Scott, having spent \$200,000,000 to free Cuba, have we got to carry Cuba financially for an indefinite period?—[Boston Record.]

The St. Albans Messenger urges the republican party in Franklin county not to draw gubernatorial lines in county politics, or in other words not to elect a man to county office on account of his preference for this or that candidate for the governorship. This is on the same principle that arguments against drawing party lines in municipal elections are based and is as it should be. It may work, but just the same if we were a candidate for county office we had just as soon our candidate for the governorship would be nominated.—[Swanton Courier.]

## AT THE KING'S CORONATION.

### President Roosevelt Names Capt. Clark, Gen. Wilson and Whitelaw Reid as our Representatives—Vermont and Capt. Clark Honored.

President Roosevelt's selection of Capt. Clark of the Oregon and Gen. James H. Wilson to represent the navy and the army, respectively, at King Edward's coronation is welcomed as a tactical solution of a problem which at one time threatened to prove embarrassing. Capt. Clark of the Oregon is the one officer of great military distinction who has not been involved in any way in the unfortunate controversy growing out of the battle of Santiago. He has never yet received adequate recognition for the splendid work he did in bringing the Oregon around Cape Horn and in fighting her at Santiago with greater effectiveness than any other ship engaged in the battle. He lost three numbers by the promotions of captains of Dewey's



fleet at Manila; he lost two numbers by the operation of the navy personnel bill which gave engineer officers rank as of the line. He was promoted six numbers for his work during the war with Spain, so that he is today only one number in advance of what he would have been had there been no war. For three years the friends of Admiral Schley in congress, by preventing action on the navy department's recommendation, kept Clark out of the promotion of six numbers which he had so richly earned, and all during that time he was five numbers lower on the list of captains than he would have been had there been no war. The selection of Capt. Clark to represent the navy at the coronation is President Roosevelt's own idea. He chose Clark because he believed the captain of the Oregon ought to receive special recognition. He would have made him a vice-admiral if that could have been done without act of congress.

Gen. Wilson is the most eminent living American soldier. His military record in the civil war is so far beyond that of any other survivor of that war that no other could be mentioned in comparison. As a cavalry leader he is still regarded by many officers who served through the civil war as the superior of Sheridan. He has commanded more men in the field than any other American soldier now living. His service in the war with Spain, and afterward in Cuba, is fresh in the public mind. Gen. Wilson retired from the army at the close of the civil war. Had he remained in the service continuously he would have been at the head of the army, instead of Gen. Miles. He is now a brigadier-general on the retired list.

Whitelaw Reid is a legacy from the McKinley administration. President McKinley had promised him the place of ambassador to attend the coronation, and President Roosevelt has simply respected that promise.

Rev. George F. Smart, for seven years pastor of the Congregational church at Manchester, has resigned, to accept the pastorate of the Congregational church at Newton Highlands, Mass., to take effect February 1.

## Pains in the Back

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## Death of a Vermont Cavalryman.

Almon B. Gibbs, of Brattleboro, died January 7, aged 72 years. He was a carpenter by trade and a prominent member of the Methodist church. Mr. Gibbs was a native of Danvers, N. H. He enlisted in Co. F, 1st Vermont Cavalry, serving three years and two months. He was promoted from corporal to sergeant for bravery, being the only man to keep the flag aloft through Bank's retreat in the Shenandoah Valley.

The Columbian Marble Quarrying Company of Rutland has just received an order from J. F. Manning & Company of Washington, D. C., for an elaborate white marble handsomely carved memorial tablet to the late President McKinley, to be placed in one of the buildings at Washington.

Within a few weeks the Burlington office of the Western Union Telegraph Company will undergo extensive changes and improvements, preparatory to placing the wires underground. The conduits have been laid under the streets for several weeks and the cable is now being made which will accommodate sixty wires.

The first regular meeting of the Vermont Bird Club will be held in connection with the Botanical Club on January 25, at Burlington. It is necessary, a short session will be held in the forenoon. Short addresses and papers will be presented. All who are interested in the study and protection of birds are invited to attend this meeting and to join the club. Prof. G. H. Perkins, of the University of Vermont, is president.

The trial of John W. Ketchum and Lieut. Gen. Martin F. Allen for complicity in the Vergennes bank wrecking affair has again been postponed, this time until Feb. 10. It is understood that there is to be further postponement from that date.

George F. Bailey of Northfield has received an appointment as second lieutenant in the United States army. Lieut. Bailey received his early military training at Norwich university, for a time he was identified with the national guard and accompanied the Vermont volunteers to Chickamauga. Later he enlisted and was in active service in the Philippines.

## HE FEARED HE HAD LOST

When Wu Ting Fang, the famous Chinese Minister to Washington, irritable and somewhat forgetful from a severe cold, missed one day from the front of his cap the immense diamond he always wears there, he was dreadfully frightened. A friend pointed out that the statesman had inadvertently doctored his location. He would have felt it doing its work, warming and making flexible the torpid muscles, extracting the pain and soreness, promoting the free circulation of the blood, stimulating the skin and lungs to proper action, and so dissolving and banishing the malady. Thus we perceive, beloved friends, that

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